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TAGS: OVIP, (SIMON, WILLIAM), SY

SUBJ: SCHEDULE FOR SECRETARY SIMON VISIT

REF: (A) STATE 40434, (B) DAMASCUS 751

1. FOLLOWING IS TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR VISIT AS DISCUSSED  
WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICE OF PROTOCOL:

1200 - ARRIVE DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
(STATE 37646).

1215 - ARRIVE DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (89  
MAW ANDREWS AFB 182230Z FEB 76).

1220 - SECRETARY SIMON DEPARTS FRO CALL ON DEPRI  
MIN HAYDAR. REST OF PARTY DEPARTS FOR AMBASSADOR'S  
RESIDENCE.

1250 - CALL ON DEPRIMIN HAYDAR.

1400 - PROCEED ORIENT CLUB FOR OFFICIAL STAG LUNCHEON.

1545 - LEAVE ORIENT CLUB FOR AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

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1630 - CALL ON PREISDENT ASAD.

1830 - DEPART PRESIDENCY FOR AIRPORT.

1900 - ARRIVE AT AIRPORT.

1915 - WHEELS UP.

2. JUDGING BY OUR PAST EXPERIENCE GAINED DURING SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MANY VISITS TO DAMASCUS, WE WILL NOT HAVE PRECISE TIME FOR SECRETARY SIMON'S CALL ON PREISDENT ASAD UNTIL AFTER SECRETARY HAS ARRIVED IN DAMASCUS. IF SECRETARY WISHES TO SQUEEZE IN SIGHTSEEING TOUR AFTER LUNCHEON, WE CAN SUGGEST TO PRESIDENCY THAT MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ASAD BE PUSHED BACK TO AROUND 1700. ADVISE. ALSO, WE MUST KNOW WHETHER SECRETARY SIMON WISHES ANY OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY TO ACCOMPANY HIM ON CALL EITHER ON PRESIDENT ASAD OR HAYDAR. AS OF NOW ONLY SECRETARY AND AMBASSADOR ARE SCHEDULED.

3. PLEASE ADVISE WHICH OF CONFLICTING ARRIVAL TIMES WE HAVE RECEIVED IS CORRECT ONE.

4. OFFICIAL STAG LUNCHEON. SYRIANS WISH INVITE ALL RANKING MEMBERS OF SECRETARY'S DELEGATION. WE SUGGESTED EIGHT (SIMON, SEIDMAN, PARSKY, REED, BILLER, SHIELDS, HOSTLER, GREEG). PLEASE ADVISE OF ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS DESIRED.

5. MRS. SIMON AND MRS. SEIDMAN INVITED TO LUNCH WITH MRS. MURPHY.

6. RE STATE 25051 PARA 10, FOREIGN MINISTRY PROTOCOL SUGGESTS NO RPT NO EXCHANGE OF GIFTS.

7. MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND FOREIGN TRADE IMADI REGRETS HE UNABLE BE IN DAMASCUS FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT OWING TO IBRD EXECUTIVE GOVERNORS' MEETING MARCH 4.

8. NEED ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS DAMASCUS 880 PARA 2 (A), 2(C) AND 4.

9. WHAT IS CORRECT PROTOCOL POSITION FOR OPIC. EXEC VP LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GREGG ON SECRETARY'S DELEGATION?

10. WHAT DOES PHRASE "IF NECESSARY" MEAN IN STATE 33568 PARA 2 REQUESTING EMBASSY "PAY LOCAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DIRECT REIMBURSEMENT BY SHAPIRO IF NECESSARY?" LOCAL PRACTICE IS THAT GRATUITY OF 15 SYRIAN POUNDS APIECE BE PAID TO DRIVERS OF OFFICIAL SYRIAN CARS, THEMSELVES FURNISHED FREE OF CHARGE TO DELEGATION. TOTAL 225 POUNDS

(\$61.64). IF NON-OFFICIAL USG PERSONNEL ARE NEEDED FOR  
ESCORTS, THEY SHOULD BE PAID 15 SYRIAN POUNDS PER HOUR  
FROM 1300 UNTIL RELEASED BY MR. SHAPIRO. WE WILL ADVISE  
HOW MANY SUCH ESCORTS ARE NEEDED WHEN WE HAVE FINAL MANIFEST  
BUT WOULD NOT EXPECT IT TO BE MORE THAN THREE OR FOUR.  
MURPHY

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